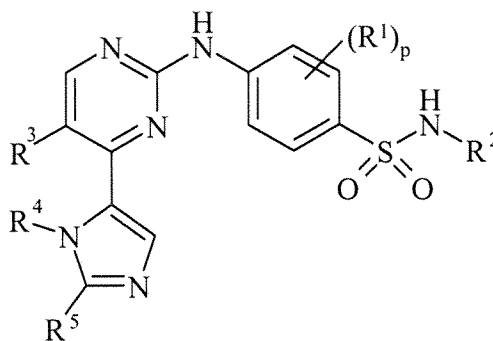


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.**

**Listing of claims:**

Claim 1 (**currently amended**): A compound of formula **(I)**:

**(I)**

wherein:

**R<sup>1</sup>** is halo, cyano, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy;

**p** is 0-2; wherein the values of **R<sup>1</sup>** may be the same or different;

**R<sup>2</sup>** is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkylC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, a heterocyclyl or heterocyclylC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl; wherein **R<sup>2</sup>** may be optionally substituted on carbon by one or more methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy or cyclopropylmethoxy; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by one or more methyl, ethyl, acetyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl or methoxyethyl;

**R<sup>3</sup>** is hydrogen, halo or cyano;

**R<sup>4</sup>** is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

**R<sup>5</sup>** is substituted methyl, optionally substituted C<sub>2-6</sub>alkyl or optionally substituted C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl; wherein said substituents are selected from one or more methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy or cyclopropylmethoxy;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an ~~in vivo~~ hydrolysable ester thereof;

provided that the compound is not 4-(1-methyl-2-ethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(tetrahydrofur-2-ylmethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethyl-imidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(2-

methoxyethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-isopropyl-imidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(2-methoxyethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-isopropyl-imidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(cyclopropylmethyl) sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-isopropyl-imidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(tetrahydrofur-2-ylmethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(cyclopropylmethyl) sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethyl-imidazol-5-yl)-2-[4-(N-cyclopropylsulphamoyl) anilino]pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-[4-(N-cyclobutyl-sulphamoyl) anilino]pyrimidine; or 4-(1-methyl-2-methoxymethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[N-(2-methoxyethyl) sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine.

Claim 2 (**currently amended**): The compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 wherein p is 0; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester~~ thereof.

Claim 3 (**currently amended**): The compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkylC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or heterocyclylC<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl; wherein R<sup>2</sup> may be optionally substituted on carbon by one or more methoxy, ethoxy or trifluoromethyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester~~ thereof.

Claim 4 (**currently amended**): The compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester~~ thereof.

Claim 5 (**currently amended**): The compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester~~ thereof.

Claim 6 (**currently amended**): The compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>5</sup> is substituted methyl or optionally substituted C<sub>2-6</sub>alkyl; wherein said substituents are selected from one or more methoxy; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester~~ thereof.

Claim 7 (**currently amended**): The compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 wherein:

p is 0;

R<sup>2</sup> is 2-ethoxyethyl, 2-methoxyethyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, 3-methoxypropyl, *t*-butyl, allyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopropylmethyl or tetrahydrofuran-2-ylmethyl;

R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen;

R<sup>4</sup> is methyl, ethyl, isopropyl or 1-methoxyprop-2-yl; or

R<sup>5</sup> is methoxymethyl, isopropyl, ethyl, butyl or 3,3-dimethylbutyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof;

provided that the compound is not 4-(1-methyl-2-ethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[*N*-(tetrahydrofuran-2-ylmethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[*N*-(2-methoxyethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-isopropylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[*N*-(2-methoxyethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-isopropylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[*N*-(cyclopropylmethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-isopropylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[*N*-(tetrahydrofuran-2-ylmethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[*N*-(cyclopropylmethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-[4-(*N*-cyclopropylsulphamoyl)anilino]pyrimidine; 4-(1-methyl-2-ethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-[4-(*N*-cyclobutylsulphamoyl)anilino]pyrimidine; or 4-(1-methyl-2-methoxymethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[*N*-(2-methoxyethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine.

Claim 8 (**currently amended**): The compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 selected from:

4-(1,2-diethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[*N*-(2-ethoxyethyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine;

4-(1,2-diethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[*N*-(cyclopropyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine; and

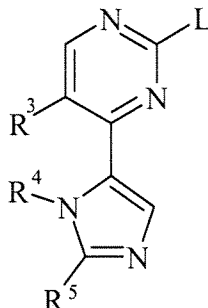
4-(1,2-diethylimidazol-5-yl)-2-{4-[*N*-(allyl)sulphamoyl]anilino}pyrimidine;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof;

Claim 9 (**currently amended**): A process for preparing a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof as claimed in claim 1,

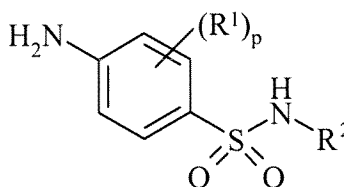
which process (wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$  and  $p$  are, unless otherwise specified, as defined in claim 1) comprises of:

*Process a)* reaction of a pyrimidine of formula (II):



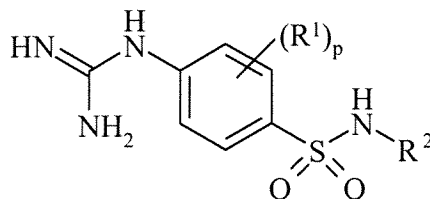
(II)

wherein L is a displaceable group; with an aniline of formula (III):



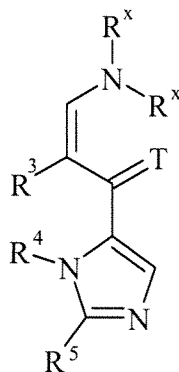
(III)

*Process b)* reacting a compound of formula (IV):



(IV)

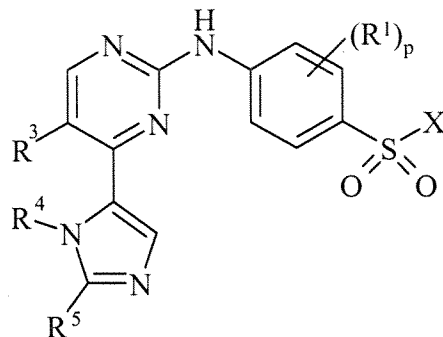
with a compound of formula (V):



(V)

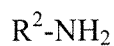
wherein T is O or S;  $R^x$  may be the same or different and is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

Process c) reacting a pyrimidine of formula (VI):



(VI)

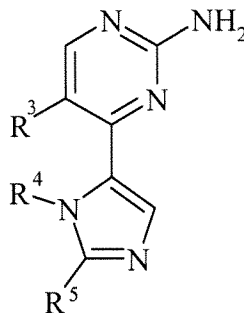
wherein X is a displaceable group; with an amine of formula (VII):



(VII)

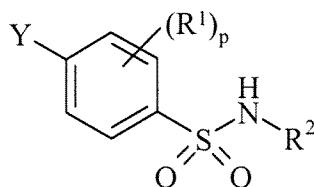
or

Process d) reacting a pyrimidine of formula (VIII)



(VIII)

with a compound of formula (IX):



(IX)

where Y is a displaceable group;

and thereafter, optionally:

- i) converting a compound of the formula (I) into another compound of the formula (I);
- ii) removing any protecting groups;
- iii) forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ~~in vivo hydrolysable ester~~.

Claim 10 (**currently amended**): A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of the formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ~~in vivo hydrolysable ester~~ thereof, according to claim 1, in association with a pharmaceutically-acceptable diluent or carrier.

Claims 11-20 (**cancelled**).

Claim 21 (**new**): A method for ~~producing a cell cycle inhibitory (anti-cell proliferation) effect~~ treating rheumatoid arthritis in a warm-blooded animal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ~~in vivo hydrolysable ester~~ thereof as claimed in claim 1.

Claimd 22-24 (**cancelled**).